

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET YORK

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Margaret York, of Pasadena, CA. Each year in March, in recognition of Women's History Month, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women.

Margaret was born in Canton, OH, and has resided in Pasadena, CA, for over 25 years. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Redlands and holds a master's degree in public administration from the University of Southern California. Ms. York is also a proud graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy.

Ms. York is widely admired for her long career with Los Angeles law enforcement. She began her career as a police "woman" and eventually became the first female deputy chief of the Los Angeles Police Department.

In December 2003, Ms. York became chief of the Los Angeles County Police, the fourth largest police agency in Los Angeles County and one of the largest in the State of California. With her keen leadership ability serving as her strongest asset, Chief York is responsible for 600 sworn police officers, 130 civilian employees, and for nearly 800 private security officers. Their mission is to provide a safe and secure environment for patrons, visitors, and employees of Los Angeles County facilities.

Ms. York lives by the motto "Dedicated to the Community We Serve." Indeed, it is because of her unwavering dedication to the community that she volunteers her limited free time to various community organizations. Ms. York is a member and former vice chair of the Metropolitan Board of the Salvation Army and is a founding member of the Army of Angels. She is also a founding member and vice chair of the Police Historical Society. Ms. York is a member of the LA5 Rotary Club, board member of Women Against Gun Violence, and a trustee of the YWCA of Greater Los Angeles.

In addition to the plethora of professional accomplishments, Ms. York is the proud wife of Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Lance Ito, a mother of three children, and a grandmother to seven grandchildren.

Ms. York's devotion to her career and her long-time commitment to the prosperity of our community serve as a true inspiration to us all. I ask all Members of Congress to join me today in honoring an extraordinary woman of California's 29th Congressional District, Margaret York.

HONORING THE LIFE AND ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE LATE DR. JOHN GARANG DE MABIOR

SPEECH OF

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

Mr. RANGEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 98 honoring the life and achievements of the late Dr. John Garang de Mabior and reaffirming the continued commitment of the House of Representatives to ensuring peace in the Sudan.

Born in 1945 to a poor family in Wagkulei village in Sudan, Dr. Garang was orphaned by the age of ten. Described as charismatic and a natural leader, he joined the first Sudanese civil war in 1962 but, because of his youth, was encouraged to pursue his education. After obtaining a B.A. in economics in 1969 from Grinnell College, an M.A. and Ph.D. from Iowa State University and studying East African agricultural economics as a Thomas J. Watson Fellow at the University of Dar es Salaam he returned home to join the Sudanese rebels.

A professional military man, Dr. Garang quickly rose through the ranks of the Sudanese military, which he joined following the Addis Ababa agreement of 1972. Peter Moszynski, a writer and aid worker who covered the Sudanese war, describes Dr. Garang as "an expert in survival: someone who knew how to bend with the wind yet maintain his political objectives, someone who knew how to seem all things to all men." This description not only captures the enigmatic nature of a man who remained at the center of guerrilla warfare for more than 20 years, but also explains how Dr. Garang became the undisputed leader of the Sudan People's Liberation Movement/Army (SPLM/A). Committed to obtaining a just peace for his people he worked tirelessly and diligently to build support for a new Sudan, one that would be multi-ethnic, multi-religious, democratic and above all, united.

Dr. Garang was instrumental in the passage of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, signed by the Government of Sudan and the SPLM/A in 2005, which gave southern Sudan the right to self determination and pushed for unity between the North and South. This Peace Agreement is representative of Dr. Garang's vision for a united Sudan, a Sudan committed to equity, democracy and peace.

As we continue to work toward ending the genocide throughout the region it is imperative that we remember the work and life of Dr. Garang. A man of true conviction and unfaltering courage; a man who believed, as I do, that unity, peace and democracy are achievable in the Sudan.

INTRODUCING A BILL TO EXTEND THE TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT TO BIKE COMMUTERS

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am introducing a bill to extend the Transportation Fringe Benefit to bicycle commuters. Currently employers may offer a Transportation benefit to employees for certain costs incurred while commuting to work. Employees may receive up to \$215/mth for parking expenses or \$110/mth for transit or vanpooling costs. The Bike Commuter act aims to balance the incentive structure by extending the benefit to include bicycling.

Communities across the Nation are seeking to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality, save energy and enhance neighborhood safety. The Federal Government can assist in those efforts by promoting bicycle use through a small change to the tax code's existing Transportation Fringe Benefit. There is great potential to increase the number of bicycle commuters in the U.S., which would help reduce the number of trips made by automobile. These changes will benefit all Americans whether they ride their bikes or not.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM P. MAINEY, RECOGNIZING HIS SERVICE TO THE HOUSE

HON. JUANITA MILLENDER-McDONALD

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD. Madam Speaker, on the occasion of his retirement in March 2007, we rise to thank Mr. William P. Mainey for his long years of service and support to the United States Government, most of it here at the U.S. House of Representatives.

Bill served proudly and honorably as a Marine. Following his military service, in 1973 Bill started his career as a technician with Xerox Corporation. He now retires as a Xerox Solutions and Sales Executive. As an employee of Xerox, Bill has provided tireless support to countless House offices, spending his entire 34-year career in support of the U.S. House of Representatives.

On behalf of the entire House community, we extend congratulations to Bill for his many years of dedication and outstanding contributions to the U.S. House of Representatives. We wish him many wonderful years in fulfilling his retirement dreams.

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